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My dear Tom

Rome 17th May

I am so obliged by your kindness
in getting the cash of Keats which I
have received in safety thro' Mr Alston
I now I shall the gratification of a
fine bust by the American sculptor
Storey

A good account I can at last
give of myself & my doing - At 6 o'clock
every mor. I am up & painting at 7
my 2^d work is just done & I am really
quite equal to it, hold my palette
without pain & work 3 & 4 hours
for I have plenty of time - About
my visitors begin & I am signing
my

till three when I sit down to dinner
after 8 hours work & appetite, my breakfast
being before 7!! - the heat agrees with
me & sets me up - I find I can play
a little on my piano but my fingers
are sadly crooked

I am really succeeding in settling the
baths & washhouses on the London plan
& think the Romans will take to
them at 2^d.

Also I am striving to set up a
conservatory of Music & then at this
I have nothing to do with shares, for
the Marcian water has for the present
cleared me out - the water will be here
in October when I fully expect to get
10 per cent on my 50 shares (£1,000)
at present they pay me 5 per cent - there

now cannot be a doubt that this
water will be a great success, for the
Romans ^{are} buying it every day by the inch

The other day 3 Roman Farmers were
robbed of two thousand £ the Thief carried
them off in 60 waggons by rail to Puscany
the Farmers implored to aid them & I sent
a telegram to the Home Minister of Florence

The above sent telegrams to all the Police
courts & the Thief was taken at Susa with
all sheep - Since then I have never seen
any thing of the Farmers & they have even
left me to pay the 3 telegrams!! no sign
of gratitude 'mough these people, but
I'll make 'em pay the telegrams

7 years ago a Mr Adams was robbed
of 14 thousand francs in Roman bonds
which he was carrying in a carpet bag!!
I offered rewards twice, but no doubt the
thief had destroyed the bonds as waste
paper - Now as Roschick is paying the

Oh I tell you that we are contemplating
theatricals next winter, not only as I have
a long balloon, but my young son may be
here from Spain & then we'll do the twelfth
night of Shakespeare with ~~my~~ my twins for
the twins, what do you say to that - of
course as I am so vain Malvolio will be
my part & Mr. Ad. Russell the Duke
- But I fear the English society is so
divided that I may find difficulties
& perhaps not find money for my expenses
are great - now I have 2 Secretaries &
they are fully employed. - I am now writing
on Keats & propose to publish "Adonais"
illustrated by all the Severns & with my
notes of which some are published in the
American Atlantic Monthly April 1863
I run the cart safe & am much beholden
to your kindness - I was right about the
money & Mr. Alden wrong & he sent it to
you & apologized to me for the mistake